

PROCLAMATION

International Walk to School Day

WHEREAS, Parents driving children to school can account for up to 25 percent of the morning rush hour traffic in the vicinity of schools; and

WHEREAS, Walking and bicycling to school reduces the number of vehicle trips in the vicinity of schools and potential conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians or bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, Reducing the number of vehicles driving students to school results in increased safety, reduced traffic congestion, improved air quality, and less fuel consumption in the vicinity of schools; and

WHEREAS, The benefits related to physical activity at an early age play a leading role in reducing rates of heart disease, diabetes and other obesity related health problems among children; and

WHEREAS, Children walking and bicycling to school together with parents and caregivers opens opportunities to mentor children about pedestrian and bicycle safety and its benefits related to health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Walking and bicycling to school offers an opportunity to build physical activity into both parents' and children's daily routines; and

WHEREAS, Children, parents and community leaders around Nevada are joining together on Wednesday October 1, 2014 to walk on International Walk to School Day; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, By the Washoe County Commission that Wednesday, October 1, 2014 is International Walk to School Day in Washoe County and the Board encourages citizens to walk or bicycle with their children to school while celebrating the benefits of increased safety and health, this day and throughout the year.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of September, 2014.

David Humke, Chairman
Washoe County Commission

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